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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 18, 2005

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 18, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 18, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. While no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465/ROC920010193US4 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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